

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** "Vermont Gives" was established as a day to unite all of the people of Vermont in the celebration and reaffirmation of that spirit of philanthropy, raising both funds and awareness; and
- WHEREAS,** the day highlights how people can work together to share commitments, build stronger communities, and improve the quality of life for all residents; and
- WHEREAS,** nonprofits enrich the lives of all Vermont residents and are an integral part of its economy, employing and providing services to thousands of residents each day; and
- WHEREAS,** nonprofits work in every sector to improve the quality of life in Vermont, including protecting our environment, helping the sick and the dying, providing care for our children and animals, offering support to our families, providing art, addressing homelessness and hunger; preventing diseases, and providing basic human needs; and
- WHEREAS,** non-profits offer opportunities for giving, volunteerism, skill-building and community involvement that enhance life and make our state a better place to live, and
- WHEREAS,** giving and volunteerism historically reflect the highest values of our democratic society, in that regardless of the situation, age, station, race or creed, all may participate and reap the rich rewards that come from giving aid to others; and
- WHEREAS,** "Vermont Gives" allows participating nonprofit organizations an opportunity to energize their respective donor bases and to tell their story throughout the broader region; and
- WHEREAS,** this 24-hour giving challenge starts at Midnight and ends at 11:59 p.m. on June 7th, 2016; and
- WHEREAS,** participating nonprofits are certified to have 501c3 status in order to receive donations; and
- WHEREAS,** "Vermont Gives" allows an easy, effective means for citizens to support the nonprofit organizations and to learn about others through the website [www.vermontgives.org](http://www.vermontgives.org); and
- WHEREAS,** together in celebration of nonprofits and philanthropy, communities will join together for 24 hours to raise the most money they can to support the nonprofits that enrich our county while reaffirming the belief that everyone can help another; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim June 7, 2016 as

**"VERMONT GIVES" DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 24th day of May, A.D. 2016



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Shumlin', written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin  
Governor